

Committee:	Council			
Date of Meeting:	03 September 2026			
Subject:	Referral from Overview & Scrutiny Board of Called-in Decision (EX/83/26) – Bury Park Traffic Improvement and Safety			
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Implications:	Legal	☐	Community Safety	☐
	Equalities	☐	Environment	☐
	Financial	☐	Consultations	☐
	Staffing	☐	Other	☐
Wards Affected:	Bury Park			

Purpose

- The purpose of the report is to invite the Council to consider a matter referred from the Overview and Scrutiny Board in relation to the Board's consideration of Executive Decision No: EX/83/26 - Bury Park Traffic Improvement and Safety.

Recommendations:

- Full Council is recommended to:**

- debate the recommendations of the Overview & Scrutiny Board as follows:**

Advise Executive to postpone the implementation of the trial red route until the following actions have been taken and reported back to Full Council:

- undertake an economic impact assessment to ascertain the impact of the trial red route on businesses; and**
- work with bus operators to look at options to improve air quality by ensuring that only low emission vehicles operate in the Bury Park area; and**
- introduce additional officers to enforce existing restrictions; and**
- undertake a full appraisal of the potential for additional car parking to be made available in the area.**

- take one of the following actions:**

a) indicate that they have no objection to the called-in decision being implemented immediately, or

b) refer the called-in decision back to the Executive for reconsideration and may recommend that the Executive amend the called-in decision in some way.

Background

3. On 27th July 2026, the Overview and Scrutiny Board considered a report of the Corporate Director Inclusive Growth in respect of Bury Park Traffic Improvement and Safety Report. Scrutiny members expressed concern in relation to some elements of the proposal and particularly the proposal introducing red routes for a trial period of 18 months if approved by the Executive.
4. The Overview and Scrutiny Board objected to the proposal and made a recommendation to the Executive on 3 August 2026, as follows:
 - (ii) That the Overview and Scrutiny Board is concerned that year by year there are fewer shops in Bury Park as more are converted into food takeaways and offices such as estate agents.
 - (iii) That the Overview and Scrutiny Board supports all reasonable efforts to increase the availability of car parking in Bury Park including an approach to Sainsbury's requesting an extension of the free use of their car park.
 - (iv) That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommends that the Council does not proceed with the introduction of a red route in Bury Park but instead introduces a much more robust enforcement of existing regulations including parking restrictions and shops extending onto pavement.

Report

5. At the Executive meeting held on 3rd August 2026, the Executive noted the recommendations of the Overview & Scrutiny Board set out at 4 (i) to (iii) above and approved the recommendations in the report of the Corporate Director Inclusive Growth as follows:
 - (i) That the action required as set out at paragraphs 8 to 9 in the Executive Report (Ref 10) to tackle the concerns raised by the community around congestion, safety and inappropriate parking behaviour in Bury Park be agreed.
 - (ii) That the Bury Park Traffic improvements consultation and recommendations report set out at Appendix A to the report be noted.
 - (iii) That following the consultation exercise and input from the community the amended proposal (set out at paragraph 9 to the Report (Ref 10) to address the feedback and concerns raised in the consultation be approved.
 - (iv) That it be noted a full copy of the Report on the outcome of the engagement and consultation exercise along with the amended proposals and recommendations are included in Appendix 1 to the Report of the Major Projects Manager (Ref 10).
6. The following reason was given for the approval of the Executive's decision:

“To improve road and safety, reduce congestion to meet the needs of all road users in line with the council’s statutory duties under the Traffic Management Act 2004”

7. Following publication of the Executive decisions of 5 August 2026, decision (EX/83/26) was called in by two members of the Council, Councillors David Franks and Lee Bridgen under Standing Order 57.1
8. The Called In decision was considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Board on 24 August 2026 and the Board resolved as follows:

That Full Council be recommended to advise Executive to postpone the implementation of the trial red route until the following actions have been taken and reported back to Full Council:

- a) undertake an economic impact assessment to ascertain the impact of the trial red route on businesses; and
- b) work with bus operators to look at options to improve air quality by ensuring that only low emission vehicles operate in the Bury Park area; and
- c) introduce additional officers to enforce existing restrictions; and
- d) undertake a full appraisal of the potential for additional car parking to be made available in the area.

Options

9. Full Council cannot change the decision of the Executive. It may debate the matter and take one of the following actions:
 - (i) Indicate that they have no objection to the called-in decision being implemented immediately;
 - (ii) Refer the called-in decision back to the Executive for reconsideration and may recommend that the Executive amend the called-in decision in some way.

Appendix

10. None

List of Background Papers - Local Government Act 1972, Section 100D

11. Reference from Overview & Scrutiny Board to Executive on 3 August 2026

[Reference from OSB to Executive - 3.8.26](#)

12. Report of the Corporate Director Inclusive Growth to Executive on 3 August 2026

[Executive report - 3.8.26 - Bury Park Traffic Improvement and Safety](#)